

words "and county officials other than Baltimore City officials".

Is that your modification?

MR. BYRNES: Yes, it is, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Henderson, the Chair's ruling was based, in response to your question, in part on the assumption that judges, under this constitution, would not be Baltimore City officials within the meaning of this phrase. It may or may not be necessary for you to make your amendment. If you decide to do so, it will be considered in order.

In other words, it will not be considered as contradictory of the phrase "Baltimore City officials".

DELEGATE HENDERSON: But it would be state officials, that is my point.

THE CHAIRMAN: Oh, I see.

DELEGATE HENDERSON: Unless it could be styled to make an exception in that case —

THE CHAIRMAN: I am sorry, I missed your point. The further amendment would be in order.

Let me state the modification, please.

The modification which the sponsor desires to make is as follows: On lines 1, 2 and 3 of the amendment, on page 3, section 7, General Elections, in line 22 after the word "officials" add the words "and county officials other than Baltimore City officials".

The Chair understands there is no objection to the modification. For what purpose does Delegate Schloeder rise?

DELEGATE SCHLOEDER: I would like to clarify for Judge Henderson that the Committee in its colloquy with Chairman Mudd of the Judicial Branch Committee thought we had made clear we would have no objection to any kind of amendment that would clarify the judicial election procedure, and I just would not want anybody here to vote for this amendment on the mistaken idea that it would benefit or make it more easy for judicial elections to be held under the present judicial branch article.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you ready for the question?

For what purpose does Delegate Byrnes rise?

DELEGATE BYRNES: I would like to clarify, also, that there are three amend-

ments which will follow. One deals with staggered terms, one with judges, and the other is possible local options. It is my understanding that no matter how we vote on this, all three of those will be available to us.

Delegate Borom has suggested we have a completely undebated amendment before us which would possibly influence the vote. I would suggest it should not influence you no matter which way you vote.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well, the question. The Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

Delegate Dukes.

DELEGATE DUKES: May I direct an inquiry to Delegate Byrnes?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Byrnes does not have the floor now.

The debate is ended.

DELEGATE DUKES: I would ask that you accept a further modification. After the words "except Baltimore City", could we add "and Prince George's County, these two being entitled to do as they please".

THE CHAIRMAN: That is not the wording of the present amendment, Delegate Dukes.

DELEGATE DUKES: I will yield to the Chair.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The question arises on the adoption of the first portion of Amendment No. 14 as divided. You are therefore voting now only on the first portion of Amendment No. 14 as modified.

The effect of the amendment if adopted would be to rewrite line 22 on page 3 so that it would read "State officials and county officials other than Baltimore City officials shall be elected."

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendment, a vote No is a vote against.

Cast your votes.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 57 votes in the affirmative, 41 in the negative, the motion is carried and the amendment adopted.